

# **Recycling and Refuse Management Committee**

## **Minutes from 7/17/08 meeting**

**Present:** Meg Vickery, Chair; Susan Waite, DPW Liaison; Adrie Lester; Clare Bertrand; Marianne Lorenzelli; John Root, composter/potential RRMC member; Lucy McMurrer.

### **Minutes**

May minutes approved with minor changes.

### **Updates**

Waste Management has a household CFL (compact fluorescent light) kit to accept old light bulbs. Other local places also offer CFL recycling (such as Whole Foods and the Amherst Transfer Station).

Pat Church has officially resigned from the committee. We still need a letter from Harvey stating the same. Clare will be here 'til the end of the summer.

### **Committee Recruitment**

We need more members on the committee. We ought to be a 7-member committee. Adrie knows people (Jessica, Cody) who might be interested. Cristie Kiley, UMass student who'd attended a previous meeting, might be interested. Perhaps a booth at the Farmer's Market in September to recruit interested people? The second weekend of September Meg, Susan, and Lucy will staff a booth at the Farmer's Market. Perhaps also the Sustainable Energy Fair? Adrie will write a letter to the editor of the Amherst Bulletin. Would employees/owners at Food For Thought, The Black Sheep, or Collective Copies be interested too?

### **School Composting**

Composting at schools and a school relations committee need to be addressed, especially with four new principals and new superintendent. We need to establish new relationships with all these people and explain what we do and would like to accomplish. Clare suggested meetings with these people with "programs in hand," stating this is what we've done in the past and would like to continue doing. A subcommittee (composed of, perhaps, Sasha Mastroianni, Ricci Mastroianni, John Root, Adrie Lester, and Susan) will try to meet on some Monday morning to further discuss this.

### **Mass Recycles Paper**

Cristie, Marianne, and Susan agreed to work on this subcommittee.

### **Styrofoam Ban**

Meg and Lucy need to work on this. Adrie also expressed an interest. Lucy will email both Adrie and Meg to share email addresses.

### **New Business**

- Steve Telega, the Transfer Station supervisor, receives committee minutes but Susan would like to involve him more. We should check in periodically to understand if/how we can help with challenges at the Transfer Station. John Root, Marianne, and Susan will go talk to him to make sure his voice is heard in the Committee. The "Take it or Leave it" shed is always challenging, but it is believed to be a motivation for Vehicle Sticker purchases (revenue generator). We need to collect data (perhaps upon renewal of Transfer Station stickers?) to find out how critical the "Take it or Leave it" table really is.
- Official letters of thank you need to be written to Harvey and Pat. Clare will help with Pat's and bring a draft for the next meeting for committee signature.

Next committee meeting scheduled for August 7<sup>th</sup> (instead of 14<sup>th</sup>) at 4:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy McMurrer